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SUBJECT: DEFECTION OF SOVIET DANCER MIKHAIL BARICHNIKOV

- 1. AS PRESS HAS AMPLY REPORTED, BARICHNIKOV, A MEMBER OF BOLSHOI THEATER TOURING COMPANY, FAILED TO REJOIN THE COMPANY FOLLOWING RECEPTION IN TORONTO, JUNE 29, AND IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE DEFECTED. HE IS PRESENTLY IN SECLUSION IN TORONTO AREA, REPORTEDLY IN COMPANY OF MISS CHRISTINA BERLIN, A US CITIZEN. MEDIA REPORTS TODAY (JULY 2) THAT MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION MINISTER ANDRAS HAS ISSUED A MINISTERIAL ORDER PERMITTING HIS ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS TO LANDED IMMIGRANT WITHOUT HAVING TO DEPART CANADA.
- 2. NEITHER EMBASSY NOR AMCONGEN TORONTO HAS RECEIVED ANY COMMUNICATION FROM BARICHNIKOV OR HIS REPRESENTATIVES. EMBASSY WAS ASKED BY AMERICAN BALLET THEATER TO CONVEY TELEGRAM TO HIM CONFIRMING OFFER TO HIM TO PERFORM FOR THAT ORGANIZATION. THEATER REPRESENTATIVES WERE ADVISED TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH (UNSPECIFIED) GOC OFFICIALS. PORTER

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